

Read the following and write a journal entry summarizing your response to the article on social cybersecurity

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When learning about social cybersecurity, it would seem like it is a societal norm. Much like how it's a norm to create effective passwords, I feel like it should be a norm to practice good cyber hygiene. Part of me boils it down to the old saying "ignorance is bliss." Another part of me thinks maybe society just hasn't burned their hand enough to pull away from the burner and really protect/change how they approach the stove from now on. We dip our hands in the cyber world, unbeknownst to all the threats and manipulation. Some people are well suited to protect themselves, but I still know quite a few individuals, like my parents, who will fall for a social engineering attempt easily. Random posts by unofficial accounts on Instagram easily influence people, so I can only imagine how easily professionals from other countries can manipulate the human mind and spread malicious ideas to the U.S. driving everyone apart.

As people who causally use the internet, we are small fish jumping into an ocean of sharks. People are using all types of technology to deceive and push their agenda on people. The social wedges described by the article are extremely worrying and we really need to increase our critical thinking when using the web. Much like the growth of technology, our way of thinking and interacting on the web needs to grow, especially with the newer generations being raised in the cyber world. Hopefully social cybersecurity, or something of that nature, will become a social norm so everyone will be less susceptible to any domestic or foreign attacks. Much like cybersecurity being a profession involving teamwork between the people in the field, social cybersecurity needs to involve teamwork between everyone.

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